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COUNTRY USSR (Baltic)

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SUBJECT

Two [redacted] bchasers
and Two Probable W-Class Submarines
Sighted in Rizhskiy Zaliv

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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. [redacted] a Soviet naval vessel [redacted] was sighted at anchor at N 57-30, E 23-00. (See sketch No. 1.)

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2. [redacted] a second vessel similar [redacted] was sighted. This vessel [redacted] differed [redacted] only in the structure carried on the mast. (See sketch No. 2.)¹

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3. [redacted] two submarines were sighted momentarily proceeding at high speed from the direction of Riga. [redacted] (See sketch No. 3.)² Both of these submarines made an unusual amount of noise which could be heard both before and after they were sighted.

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Comments:

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1. Both of these vessels are probably KRONSTADT-class subchasers.

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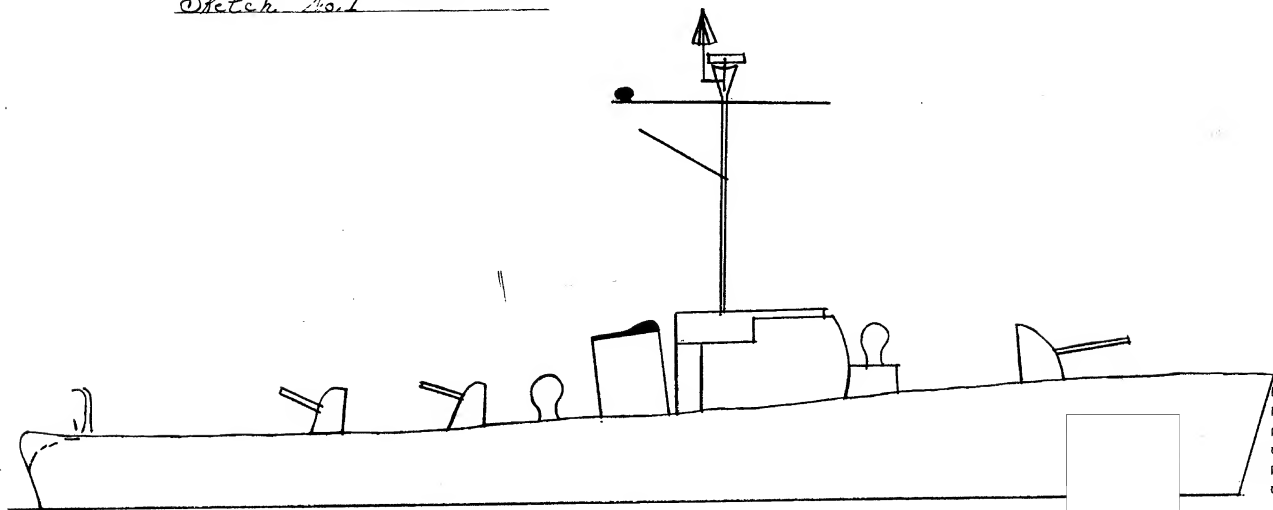
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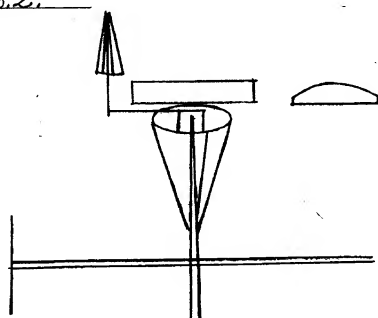


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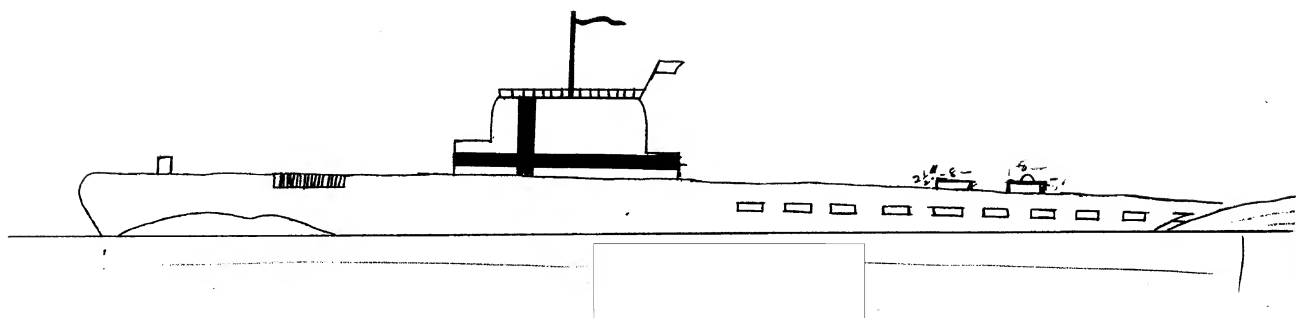
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Sketch No. 2



Sketch No. 3



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Source.

1. NAVAL.

a Naval vessel was seen anchored at N 57°30' - 0 24°00.

Description: [redacted] decided sheer of the deck, well rounded at the water-line in the stern where a davit stood on the port side. The vessels artillery was under tarpaulin. A gun on the foredeck had a comparatively long barrel, 2 tween-mounted guns on the quarter deck of much smaller caliber. An object was mounted on a ledge ahead of the bridge. It was covered by a tarpauline and of a size similar to a searchlight. A topmast with a longitudinal yard was placed on the bridge. On the after end of the yard was a small ball. Radar equipment on top of the mast as shown in sketches 1 and 1 B. Astern of the bridge a low funnel with a small tap. The funnel was lower than the bridge.

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[redacted] another vessel of the same type was passed. She manoeuvred on varying courses at slow speed.

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[redacted] two submarines passed at N 57°26' 0 23°08'. There was fog and the submarines were only visible for a moment. They had great speed and came from the direction of Riga.

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Description: Both apparently alike [redacted] They looked freshly painted in a light blue/grey colour. A horizontal and vertical white-edged black stripe was painted on the conning tower. The foredeck was about twice the length of the conning tower and the quarterdeck was 3½ times the length of the conning tower. Ahead and astern of the conning tower was a ledge without guns or other visible equipment. On the foredeck was a small vertical case or cylinder. In the middle of

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[REDACTED]

the quaterdeck was a horisontal case or cylinder, the height of which was about 0,75m. and the length about 2,5m. About 3m. further aft was a similar object. The length was the same but the height was about 1,5m. On the top was a hoop or half ball corresponding to a quater of the cylinders length.

None of the submarines had visible radar or other electronic equipment. Neither a snort or a periscope could be seen.

Both submarines made an unusual amount of noise which could be heard long before and after they were seen.

2. NAVIGATION.

Only buoy nr. 1 and 2 were in possition in the Riga Bay.

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